GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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WILL IN UTTRANCHAL
UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether WILL service is available in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, reasons for not providing any connection under the scheme in Pipana Salt Village in Almora district of Uttranchal whereas the people have already deposited forms for getting connection and the connections have been provided in other areas;

(c) whether PCO line to this village was cut off three months ago though it was not operational even earlier;

(d) whether there is scope for providing cell phones in said village; and

(e) if so, whether these will be provided to the persons who have already applied?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no registered demand in village Pipana as on date. WLL connections are being given in phased manner. Initially the existing MARR VPTs are being replaced by WLL. Thereafter, if spare capacity is available telephone connections will be provided.

(c) The PCO line at Pipana was operational at ED Post Office and was disconnected as per the request of Department of Post dated 05.10.2002.

(d)&(e): At present there is no scope for providing Cell phones in the said village as it is not covered by existing mobile BTS.